

VILLAGE OF MORRICE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

6:00 p.m.

(Approved 08/22/23)

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Todd Scott.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council Members Present: Todd Scott, Andy Flynn, Robert Peterson, Philip Hruska, and Bridgett Flynn.

Absent: Phyllis Dickerson.

Also Present: Attorney: John Gormley, Police Chief: Matt Balsley, DPW: Hayden Bradberry, and Clerk: Karen McGuire.

Additions / Deletions to Agenda: Add: 11.2 Sewer Liner Repair
11.3 Dollar General – Land Division Resolution

Guest Comments on the Agenda: None.

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by A. Flynn to approve the agenda, as amended. All ayes.
Motion carried.

MOTION by A. Flynn, seconded by P. Hruska to approve the July 25, 2023, minutes, as presented.
All ayes. Motion carried.

Special Guests: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Personnel / Police / Transfer Station / Insurance / Retirement

Chief Balsley reminded everyone that school starts on August 24th so morning traffic will be increased.

T. Scott has talked to the scrap man, and he will recycle the old oil tanks at the Transfer Station if there are no objections. There were no objections. T. Scott will let him know that he can take them.

9.2 DPW / Municipal Buildings / Park

Someone is stacking tables at the Park to get onto the roof of the buildings and pavilion. The Police and DPW are keeping an eye on it.

9.3 Streets / Sidewalks / Newsletter / Web Site

P. Hruska asked about the crack sealing project. DPW has no further information at this time. P. Hruska asked that the road millings be brought up at the Pre-Construction meeting.

9.4 Sewer / Codes

No Report.

9.5 Zoning / Ordinances / Annex / 425 / DDA

R. Peterson reported that the DDA is talking about sending out a fall mailing. No details currently.

P. Hruska mentioned that the Byron golf course will host a fundraiser for the DDA if they are interested.

9.6 SSES

R. Peterson explained that they are still waiting for the report from the investigation before making any decisions. The Chief is still out on temporary paid administrative leave. The Personnel Committee meets on the 16th and the regular Board meeting is shortly after that. Dan Munro reported that they are one 12- hour shift short right now but are working to correct that. The budget is short, they are going to run out of funds. The Budget Committee is working to stay afloat. They may need to borrow against equity in equipment and buildings for the short term. There has never been a Finance Committee before now. They

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are looking at all possibilities. There is a good group of people working together right now. There are some grants that have been applied for where they are just waiting on the funds.

9.7 Homecoming
No Report.

9.8 Budget
The next Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 25th at 5:30 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 131 Main Street
The advertisement for demolition bids has been placed. So far only one bid has been received. One contractor looked at the project and commented that in the Village the foundation must be removed and that we should get the utility disconnections scheduled soon as they can take some time to complete. The DPW needs to make sure that the sewer is left intact.

The Village received an invitation to an event sponsored by the SEDP regarding the Blight Elimination Funding coming to Shiawassee County. They will provide information on the program, the application, and the processes for the program. This may assist with costs for the 131 Main Street project. A. Flynn will attend for the Village.

10.2 Village Hall Maintenance/ Roof/ Garage Door Frames - Estimates
T. Scott reported that he has contacted Jimmerson Roofing and is still waiting for a start date from them. Overhead Door came today to look at the garage door frames but did not leave an estimate.

10.3 Perry Township Sewer Rate
TABLED.

10.4 Lansing Road
Will discuss further at the Budget Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

11.1 August 22nd Meeting
Will hold the meeting as scheduled.

11.2 Sewer Liner Repair
The lagoon operator sent an estimate for the liner repair from American Liner Systems, LLC for \$2,960.00 per day plus materials at 74 cents per square foot. They estimate that it will take two days to make the repairs. There is no way do know how much material they will need until the pond is lowered and they can see the problem. Do not have a start date at this time. While the pond is lowered there is a valve that may need repaired or replaced. S. Hughes will get an estimate for that.

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by A. Flynn to approve up to \$20,000.00 for the lagoon project.

Roll Call: Ayes: R. Peterson, A Flynn, B. Flynn, P. Hruska, T. Scott. Nays: None. Absent: P. Dickerson.
Motion carried.

President Scott reported that Perry Township is having their engineer look at their flow meter problem.

11.3 Dollar General – Land Division Resolution
J. Gormley presented a Resolution approving the Land Division for the proposed Dollar General store. AGS has reviewed the application and reported that the resulting parcels comply with all zoning requirements.

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MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by A. Flynn to approve the Resolution as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: A Flynn, B. Flynn, P. Hruska, R. Peterson, T. Scott. Nays: None. Absent: P. Dickerson.
Motion carried.

Review Financial Statements / Pay Bills

MOTION by P. Hruska, seconded by A. Flynn to approve payment of the bills as presented (List attached).

Roll Call: Ayes: B. Flynn, P. Hruska, R. Peterson, A. Flynn, T. Scott. Nays: None. Absent: P. Dickerson.
Motion carried.

Announcements / Correspondence: None.

Guest Comments:

D. Munro reported that the farmer of the field next to the Park is driving onto that field through the Park. He wondered if they should be required to put in a driveway rather than using the Park for entering and exiting the field.

D. Munro asked if the Halloween event was going to be a go or not this year. He feels that planning should take place earlier than it did last year. Should possibly begin seeking donations soon.

MOTION by T. Scott, seconded by P. Hruska to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Todd Scott, Village President
Karen McGuire, Clerk